

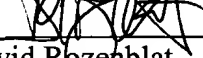
**REMARKS**

With this Amendment, claim 1 was amended, claim 3 was cancelled and claims 13-21 were added. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-5 and 9-21 are at issue in the above-identified application.

It is submitted that the pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition of allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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